

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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To the People of the National Capital Region:

The National Capital Region is the Nation's fastest growing large Metropolitan area. This rapid growth means new subdivisions, new houses, new apartments, new shopping centers, new streets and expressways, more public transit demand, and more employment. As the Region's largest employer, the Federal Government is expanding as Federal agencies join the movement to the suburbs.

To guide this growth, the Region's local governments work with and through the Council and its cooperating planning agencies. The Council's major role is creating a broad brush stroke plan for the Region. Also, the Council reviews locations for new Federal site facilities within the Region.

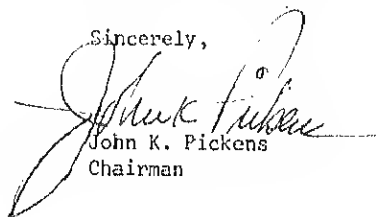
The planning process for the National Capital Region is reciprocal; much of the Region's development is proposed by local government. The Region's cities and counties decide the locations of the Region's roads, parks, and schools, and where private development will occur. State and Federal governments, in turn, influence the location of such facilities as freeways, rapid transit, airports, and employment centers.

The Council reviews these proposals as they occur. Council recommendations try to reconcile local proposals to the Region's needs--and the over-all Regional plan.

We all are interested in the soundness of these decisions. Through these decisions, we will get more for each dollar of public and private investment. Far more important, the Council's decisions aim to create the best living environment we can realistically achieve. The Council strives, within the limits of its staff resources, to work with all governments and agencies to further the Region's proper and harmonious development.

The Council welcomes your interest in its activities. Its monthly meetings are open to the public, and the staff encourages your use of its resource data and planning information.

Sincerely,


John K. Pickens
Chairman

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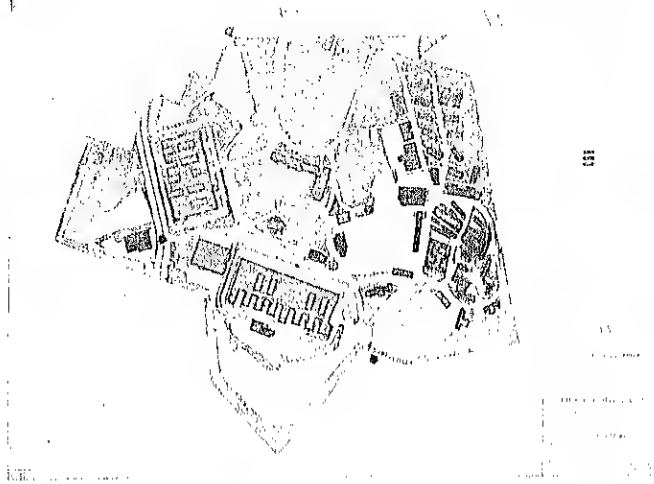
Potomac River Basin presentation

ORGANIZATION AND MEETINGS

Congress created the Regional Planning Council in the National Capital Planning Act of 1952. The Council consists of ten members and ten alternates, eight of each of whom representing the Maryland and Virginia environs, are appointed by the National Capital Planning Commission. Two members and two alternates are nominated by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and one member and one alternate are nominated by each of the governing bodies of Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties. Four members and four alternates are nominated by the Northern Virginia Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission, upon recommendation of the local governing bodies.

The remaining two members and two alternates are the Chairman of the National Capital Planning Commission and the Engineer Commissioner of the District of Columbia and their alternates.

The Council meets regularly in the afternoon of the third Monday of each



Proposed site plan for Arlington Hall installation

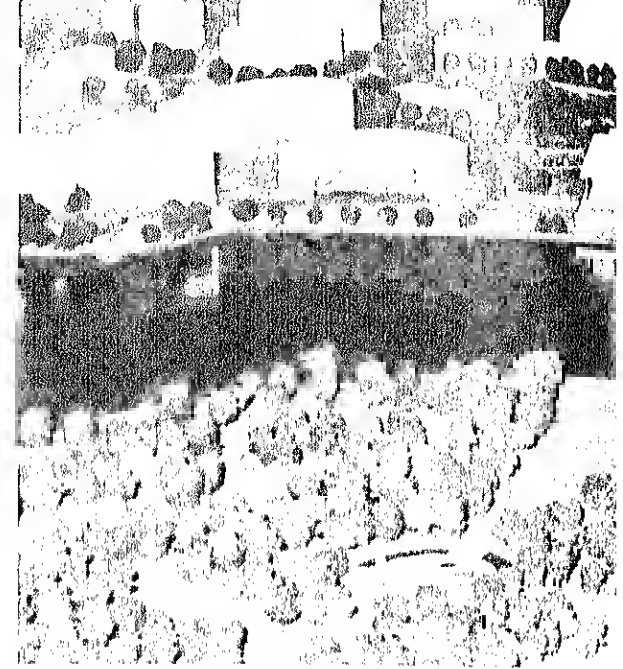
GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The National Capital Planning Act of 1952 states that the Council shall "adapt and, from time to time, amend, or extend, a general plan for the development of the region, to serve as a general framework or guide of development within which each part of the region may be more precisely planned by the appropriate planning agency or agencies."

The over-all regional plan is called the General Development Plan. It will show future use of the Region's land, and location of necessary future highways and transit lines to meet the Region's growth. The plan suggests how this growth might occur and ways to carry out the plan.

The current General Development Plan, adapted in 1956, represents a "sprawl" land use scheme and needs revision. In 1961 the Planning Council and the National Capital Planning Commission jointly published the Year 2000 Policies Plan. This plan amends the General Development Plan following a "radial corridor and open space" land use scheme.

The staff is in the process of revising the General Development Plan reflecting the Year 2000 Policies Plan and local efforts



Model of the John F. Kennedy Center and the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial

PLANS FOR FEDERAL FACILITIES

The National Capital Planning Act of 1952 requires the Council to "consider and aim to accommodate the land-use requirements of the Federal and District of Columbia Governments in the environs" of the National Capital Region.

The Council reviews master plans prepared by Federal agencies for their installations in the Region beyond District of Columbia's boundaries for their consistency with the General Development Plan. Confidential plans are first reviewed in executive session. Following this review, the Council makes its recommendations to the National Capital Planning Commission.

The Federal Planning Division of the Commission provides extensive staff assistance. The Council and the Commission work closely with local

COORDINATION AND INFORMATION

One of the Planning Council's primary functions is that of a coordinator and catalyst, serving as a "clearing house" on planning and development matters having regional significance. It serves as the Region's forum for resolving problems requiring interagency cooperation, whether or not the solutions eventually become part of the General Development Plan. For example, solutions involve general alignment and agreement on highway proposals crossing jurisdictional boundaries.

The Council provides data on a comparable region-wide basis, coordinating preparation of detailed land use information for small areas of the Region.

ROLES OF THE PLANNING COUNCIL

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

The Planning Council maintains an active interest in developing programs necessary to implement the regional plan. The first such project was the Mass Transportation Survey. Prepared jointly with the National Capital Planning Commission, it culminated in the 1959 Transportation Plan. This plan is still the Region's official transportation plan.

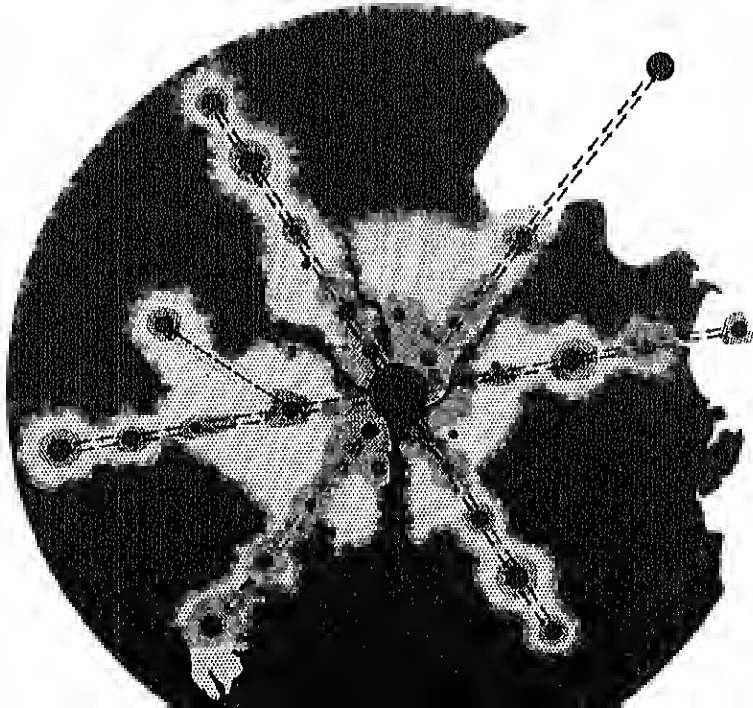
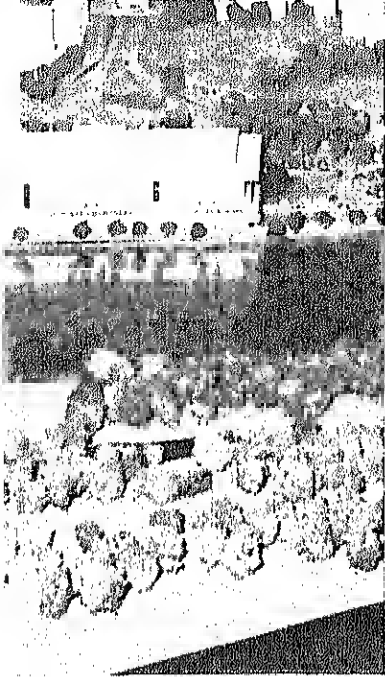
Following the Transportation Plan, in 1960 Congress created the National Capital Transportation Agency. This agency prepared a region-wide transportation plan and program for transit—the Transit Development Program. The Planning Council reviewed the Transit Development Program at the time of completion and approved that part of the development program within downtown Washington in June, 1963.

The Council again reviewed a modified transit development

REVIEW OF LOCAL AREA PLANS

The Region's local governments planning agencies and special purpose agencies submit their plans to the Council for its review and comments. Following this review the Council attempts to incorporate these plans into the General Development Plan.

For much of its local area review, the Planning Council relies on studies by three cooperating "sub-regional" planning agencies. They are: the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, planning for most of Montgomery and Prince Georges counties in Maryland; the Northern Virginia Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission, preparing general plans for the four counties and four cities of the Region within Virginia; and the National Capital Planning Commission, preparing the comprehensive plan for the District of Columbia and the Federal



SUMMARY OF PLANNING COUNCIL ACTIONS 1963-1964

COORDINATION AND INFORMATION

CURRENT STATISTICS AND PROJECTIONS. The Council continuously maintains a file of the latest statistics compiled by the Region's local jurisdictions. Current data includes population, by age, total housing units for 1960, estimated for 1963, and projected to 1970, 1980, 1990, and 2000; area of various land uses, local budget, assessment, and revenue information.

REGIONAL PLANNING BULLETIN. With Planning Council and Bureau of the Budget approval, the staff publishes a bi-weekly newsletter with a circulation of 1200. Started in January of 1964, the Bulletin keeps abreast of planning news of regional importance, and the Council's activities and activities of the local planning agencies.

The Bulletin is free to the public for single copies or, by request, one can be placed on the Bulletin mailing list.

OFFICIAL PLANNING DIRECTORY. In March, the Council staff released the first annual directory of planning services in/for the Region. This concise booklet lists various planning services of each official local, subregional, and regional planning agency in the National Capital Region, together with the name and telephone number and phone extension of the key person or initial contact responsible for each planning service.

The directory is free and is available singly or in quantity to organizations and firms in the Region and has been in substantial demand. It is designed for convenience and easy reference primarily for governing bodies, official agencies with planning or related responsibilities, engineering, and development organizations, builders and builders' organizations, lending institutions, and civic groups, etc.

GENERAL DEVELOPMENT

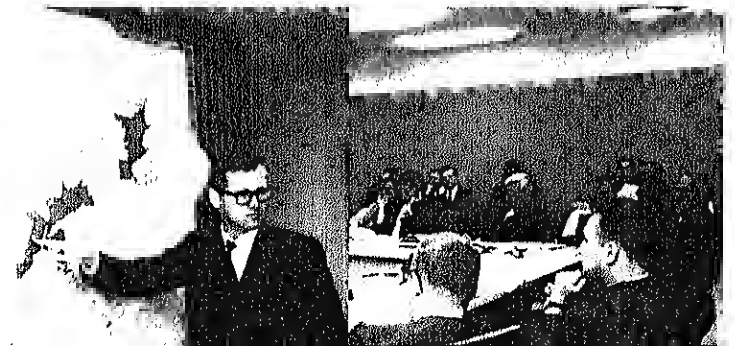
STUDY OF ORGANIZATIONS

To aid preparation of the General Development Plan, an inventory and analysis of organizations and groups actively involved in developing the Region are being prepared by a consultant to the Council staff.

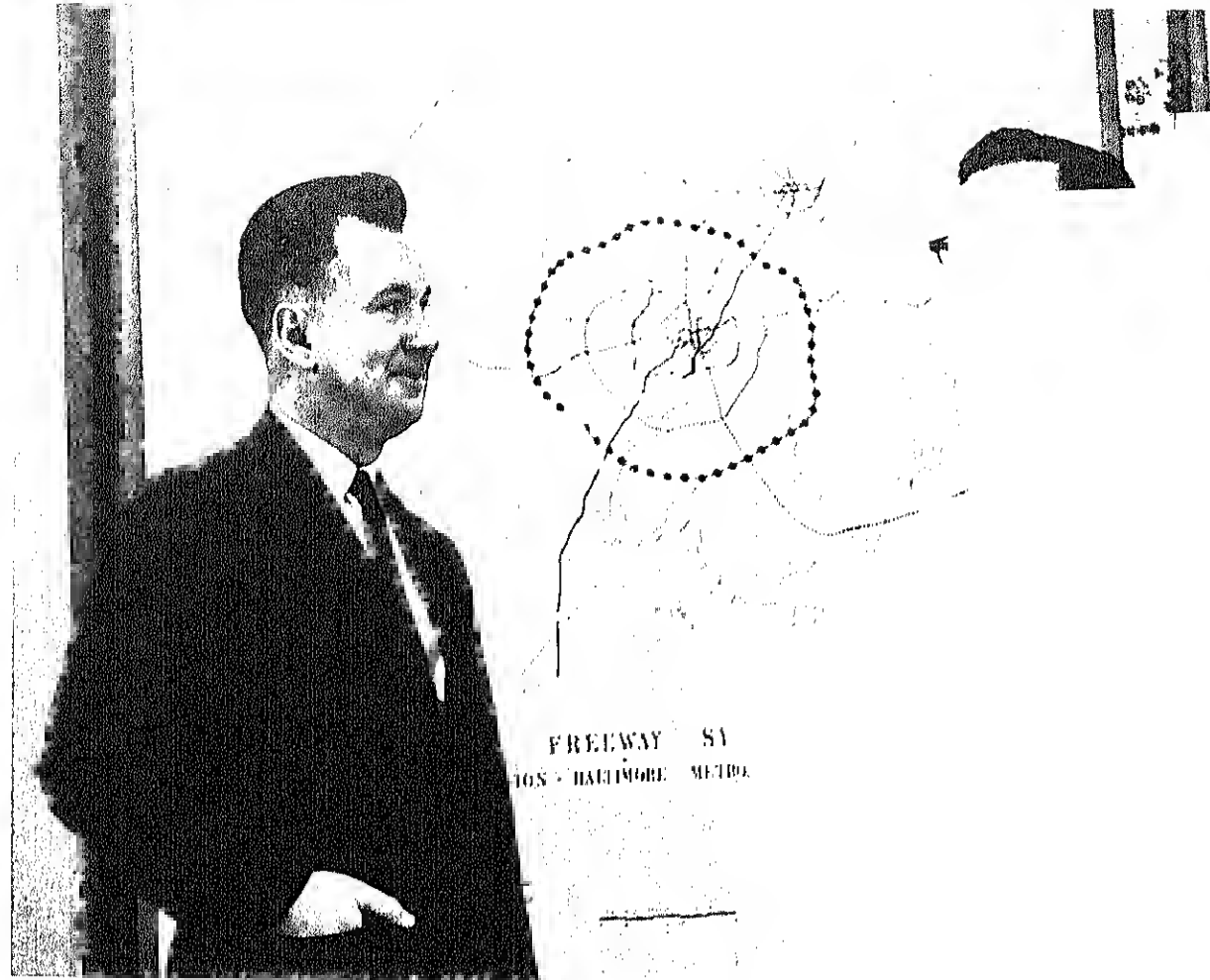
This study is unusual in applying regional planning techniques. It will inform the Council and the staff of those agencies, firms, and groups significantly influencing the development of the Region and their particular role. Hence, the study will help guide decisions in preparing the General Development Plan and will assure knowledgeable review of the plan, as well as future participation by these organizations and groups in implementing this plan.

The study will be completed this fall.

(Left) Reports prepared by the Council during 1963-1964. (Right) Staff planner presents proposal to the Council to further cooperation with other regional



Director G. Louis Heller (left) and Planning Council Chairman John K. Pickens discuss a proposal for an outer belt highway for the National Capital Region.



PLAN

GOVERNMENT FINANCES STUDIES

A study was made by the Council of local government finances in the Region. This study compared the expenditures of all the Region's local governments outside the District of Columbia. Reviewed and approved by the Council's Capital Expenditures Committee, the report is available free of charge. Major emphasis is on local government spending and revenues for the Region's capital improvements—schools, roads, sewers, parks, libraries, etc.

Prepared by the Council staff, it is illustrated by many charts and graphs.

A companion study of finances for state and Federal governments is also being prepared by the Council staff. This report will review the nature and trends of income and spending by Maryland and Virginia in the National Capital Region, and the Federal government for all Federal agencies and the District of Columbia government within the Region. To be completed this fall, this study will be similar in format to the local government finances report.

GOALS FOR LIVING PROJECT

The "Goals for Living" project seeks to discover the Region's planning goals, objectives, and desires. The project proposes to sample approximately 5000 volunteer citizens one evening each week for five consecutive weeks. These people would read background materials, view a television program that highlights the background materials, discuss in small groups what they have read and viewed, and answer detailed questionnaires. In

questionnaire that will provide a comparative check to the answers of the larger volunteer group.

Approved by the Planning Council in the spring of 1963, and under the policy guidance of a three-member Regional Goals Committee, the project requires a prior detailed survey of the stated goals and decision policies of subregional and local planning agencies, commissions, and local governing bodies. This survey will

ACTIONS 1963-64

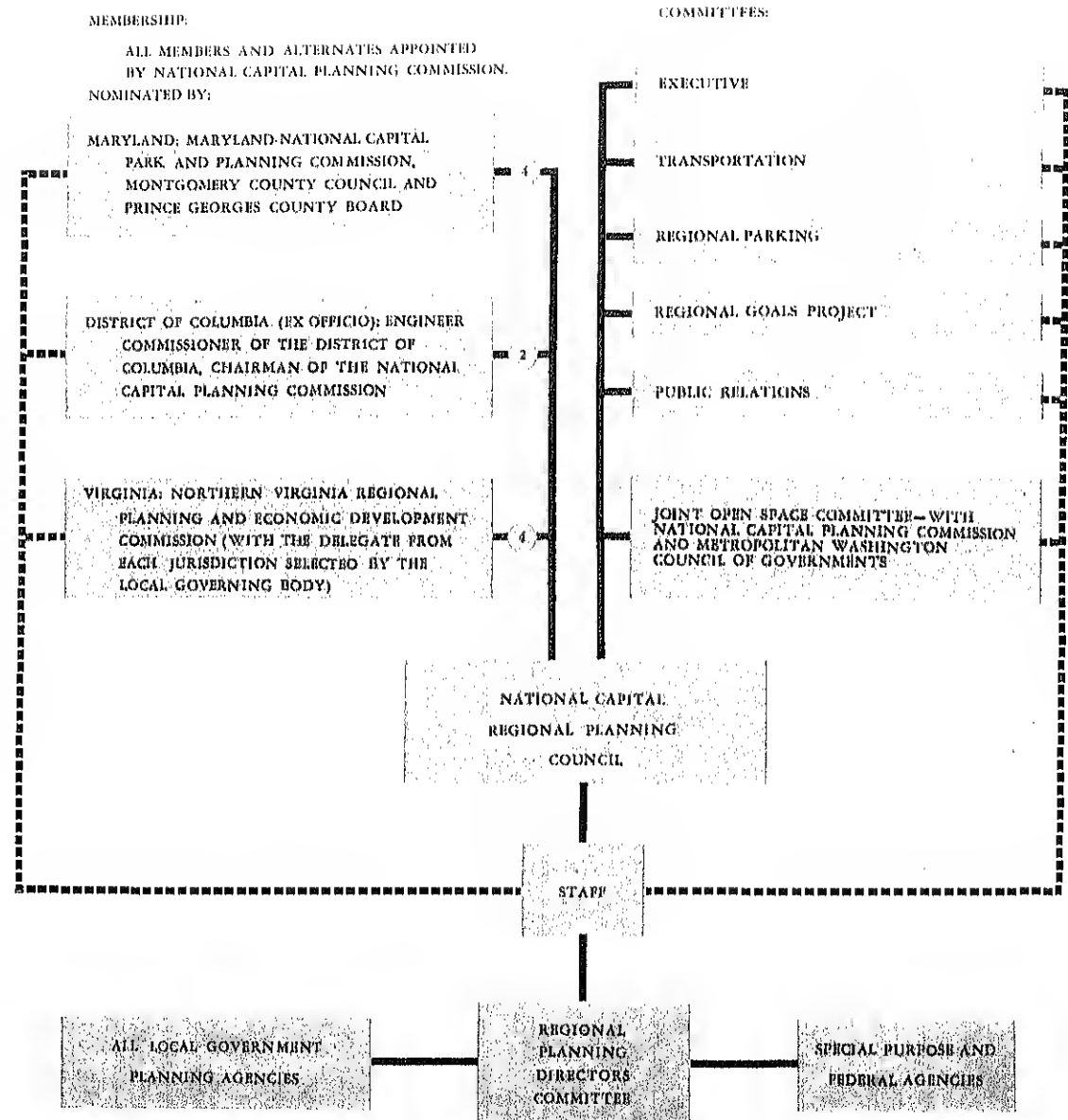
ORGANIZATION

CONTINUING TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM.

Much of the Council's work last year involved developing a program to initiate a continuous transportation planning program within the Region's comprehensive planning process.

The Federal Aid Highway Act of 1962 requires metropolitan areas in the United States to have a continuing transportation planning program established and in operation by July 1, 1965, in order to receive Federal funds for planning and building highways. For the Washington metropolitan area the District of Columbia Government, the States Roads Commission of Maryland, and the Virginia Department of Highways have organized a committee to establish the program. The Council has developed a draft of agreement among the Region's local governments and with the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia highway agencies, setting forth the Council's proposed organization for this program of twenty-five members: a representative from each of the Region's local governments and subregional planning agencies; the state highway directors of Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia; and a representative each from the Bureau of Public Roads, Housing and Home Finance Agency; the National Capital Transportation Agency; the National Capital Planning Commission; and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission.

The Council's Regional Transportation Committee does most of the Council's work in organizing this program. For example, on April 13, 1964, this committee invited all participants to a meeting in an attempt to activate the transportation planning program. The Committee is now assisting in the development of a prospectus outlining the program's operations and procedures. This prospectus must be approved by the Region's local governments prior to setting up the Transportation Committee and starting



The organization for planning in the National Capital Region. The Regional Planning Council serves as the region's only official forum for regional planning issues. The staff serves the Region's professional planning staffs through the Regional Planning Directors Committee.

REVIEW: LOCAL PLANS

The Planning Council reviewed each of the items listed below during the past year. Item lists agency submitting the plan for review, Council action, if any, and date of review.

Potomac River Basin Report

See review of Federal plans. At the end of the fiscal year, this project was still under consideration by the Council.

Master Plan Policies for Fairfax County

By Fairfax County Planning Division, September, 1963.

Wheaton Regional Park

Report on development of this facility, by Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission, September, 1963.

Rosslyn Redevelopment Program

Report on private and public development of this Arlington neighborhood; presentation by Arlington County Office of Planning on Rosslyn redevelopment plan, October, 1963.

Prospectus for Comprehensive Plan for the District of Columbia

Presented by Comprehensive Planning Division, National Capital Planning Commission with recommendations and mutual agreement for cooperation with the Council, October, 1963.

Transit Development Program—Progress Report

Presented by National Capital Transportation Agency, April, 1964.

General Development Plan for Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties

Presented by Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, April, 1964. This plan had previously been reviewed and approved by the Council and staff comments submitted to the Maryland Commission in January, 1963.

Western County Plan for Fairfax County

By Fairfax County Planning Division, approved by the Planning Council with commendation, May, 1964.

MASTER FILE OF POTENTIAL FEDERAL SITES AND REVIEW OF FEDERAL FACILITIES

During the past year, the Council started an inventory of potential sites for Federal facilities in the Region working with the Federal Planning Division of the National Capital Planning Commission and each local and subregional planning staff. A standard form lists specific information and a scaled map for each site. The Council seeks lists of sites from each jurisdiction in the Region consistent with local comprehensive plans of each jurisdiction.

The Council reviewed the following Federal facilities during the past year. Below each item is indicated the agency submitting the plan for review by the National Capital Planning Commission and the Planning Council and the date of review by the Council.

Building for the Army Map Service

Submitted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Approved by the Planning Council, July, 1963.

John Fitzgerald Kennedy Memorial Commission, to consider permanent memorial in the National Capital Region to President Kennedy.

(Authorizing legislation)

Submitted by Congress; favorable recommendation by the Planning Council, December, 1963.

Headquarters Building for the Bureau of Public Roads

(Submitted by the Bureau of Public Roads) (Executive Session item) July, 1963.

Master Plan for Redevelopment of Cameron Station, Alexandria

Submitted by the Department of the Army. Request by the Planning Council for extensive local and subregional coordination, September, 1963.

Potomac River Basin Report

Public hearing sponsored by the Planning Council at Arlington County Court House, June 26, 1963. Presented by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Public presentation at the National Capital Planning Commission Conference Room, May 18, 1964.

Master Plan for Arlington Hall, Defense Intelligence Agency

Submitted by Department of Defense. Request by the Planning Council that the sponsoring agency review the

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Additional park facilities provided by the preservation of Open-Space land. Plots furnished by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority.

NATIONAL CAPITAL OPEN SPACE PROJECT

A major recommendation of the Year 2000 Policies Plan in 1961 suggested preserving large areas of open countryside within the Region. To carry out this recommendation, the Planning Council participates with the National Capital Planning Commission and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments in the "Joint Open Space Project." This project hopes to combine the programs of the Region's park, recreation, and conservation agencies into a regional open space preservation program.

Organized in February of 1962 as a joint program of four Regional agencies, the project employed a small staff for two years ending June 30, 1964.

A project Committee is composed of nine delegates from three agencies: the Planning Council, the National Capital Planning Commission, and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. Formerly, the Washington Center for Metropolitan Studies participated in committee actions.

Preservation of Open-Space Land

On January 17, 1963 the Council and five planning agencies and public bodies exercising responsibilities for the preservation of open-space land in the Region entered into an agreement requiring review by the Council of plans and programs for the acquisition of open-space. Two additional public bodies have executed the agreement. Since the inception of the agreement, the Council has reviewed and approved park purchases totaling 8741 acres.

Signatories to this agreement submit purchase programs for approval as being consistent with regional open-space policies. Council approval is prerequisite to receiving Federal assistance in acquiring open spaces supporting the regional plan.

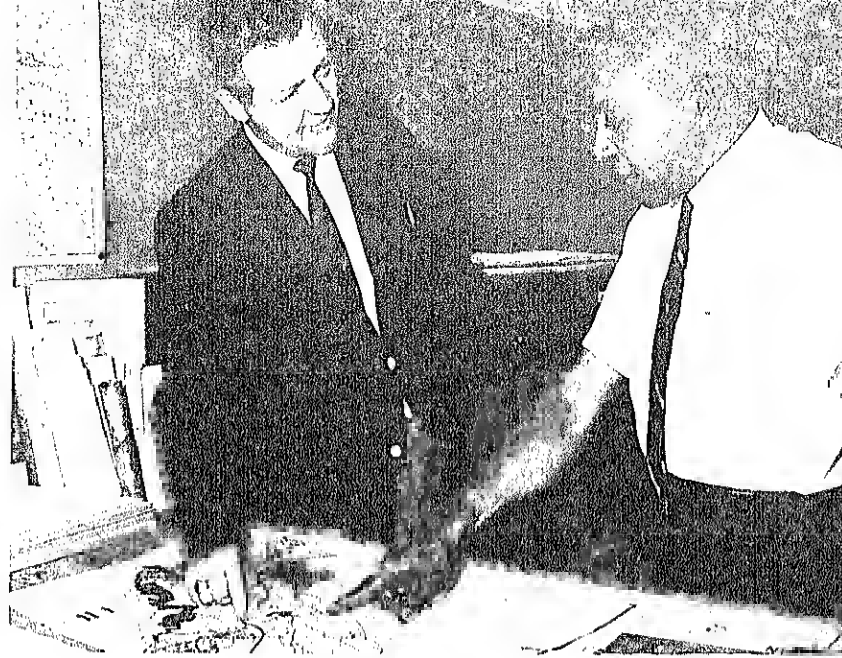
Purchases approved during 1963-64 are as follows:

AGENCY	PURCHASE	AREA IN ACRES	DATE APPROVED	FEDERAL GRANT	TOTAL COST
Arlington County, Va.	Potomac Overlook Park	43	July, 1963	\$96,789	\$322,631
Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority	Pohick Bay area	675	Sept., 1963	258,840	862,801
Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority	Bull Run Stream Valley	350	Sept., 1963		
Maryland- National Capital Park and Plan- ning Commission	Maryland- National Capital Park System	2949	Sept., 1963	1,758,994	5,863,317
City of Rockville, Md.	Four park sites in City of Rockville	47	Feb., 1964	85,464	284,882
Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority	Delete 174 acres from Pohick Bay area and add 730 acres along Bull Run Stream Val- ley	556	Feb., 1964	Even exchange \$0	Even exchange \$0





Staff members (top photo) discuss recommendations for the Council's consideration of future developments in the Region. An example (bottom photo) is the Rosslyn Redevelopment Project in Arlington County.



REGIONAL CURRENT PLANNING

For the first time, all Council activities dealing with carrying out the General Development Plan are being centralized into one division—the Current Planning Division.

This division will review and make recommendations on local and subregional comprehensive plans and selected procedures, zoning, subdivisions, utilities, and other local actions of regional impact.

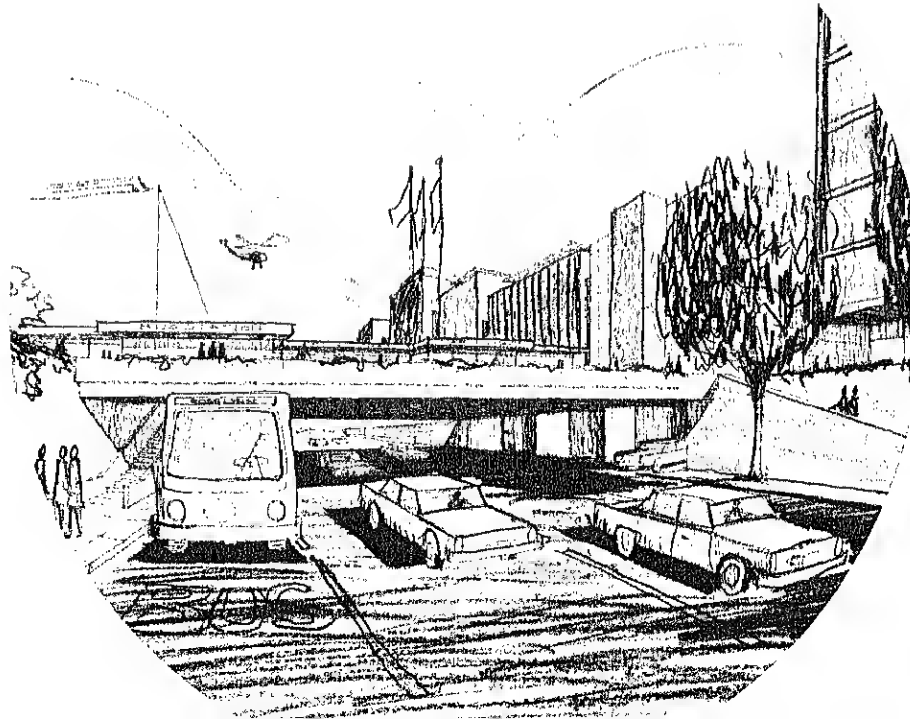
Recommendations will be based on the Region's General Development Plan.

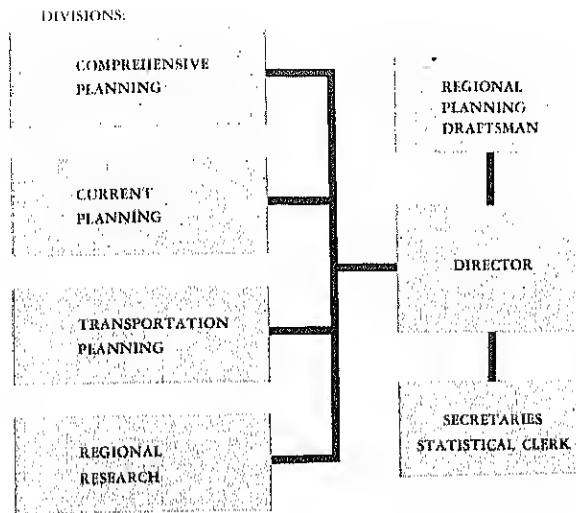
COORDINATION AND INFORMATION

The Council and staff anticipate complete working arrangements within the General Development Plan for aiding the establishment of a continuing transportation planning process for the Region. As the Region's only official region-wide public planning agency, the Council, and its staff can assure full liaison and support of the highest priority for this new transportation program. This activity will be assumed by the Transportation Planning Division.

Scheduled for the winter of 1964-65 is a revised abstract of the Region's statistical estimates and projections for 1964-65, 1970, 1980, 1990, and 2000. Statistics included are population, employment, and estimates of future acreage of various major urban land uses.

In January, 1965, the second Official Planning Directory will be published. Vastly improved in appearance and presentation, this directory will update the Region's planning services listings.





THE PROGRAM FOR 1964-1965

GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

STAFF REORGANIZATION

The growth of region-wide problems requires an increase in staff work-loads coupled with advanced techniques of regional planning analysis. To meet these problems, beginning July 1, 1964, the Council staff was reorganized functionally as approved by the National Capital Planning Commission and the Regional Planning Council in September, 1963.

Under the Director, there are four divisions; the Comprehensive Planning Division, to develop and maintain the General Development Plan; the Regional Transportation Planning Division, to develop the transportation phase of the plan and coordinate the Council's transportation activities; the Current Planning Division, to further implementation of the General Development Plan; and the Planning Research Division, to provide staff research and maintain the agency's wide-ranging information and data program.

Preparing the General Development Plan for 1980 for the Region will be the major staff effort for the coming fiscal year. This plan will reflect a composite of the Year 2000 Policies statements, and local area plans and decisions since 1961. The staff may also draft preliminary sketch plans for 1990 and 2000.

Although the Region's plan is continually revised and refined, a basic land use plan for 1980 will be drafted for possible public presentation late next spring. This plan will be primarily a composite of: the comprehensive plans of local jurisdictions and the three sub-regional agencies; the Year 2000 Policies Plan; plans and proposals of special agencies such as the National Capital Transportation Agency, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Study, the General Services Administration, the Northern Virginia Park Authority, the Northern Virginia Open Space Project, state highway departments, etc.; and the trends of decisions by locally elected boards for zoning, build-

Related to the composite of plans program will be a similar region-wide inventory and analysis of local, state, Federal, and special purpose agency goals and objectives. Results of this study will be two-fold: to give direction to the analysis of the complex composition of local plans and decisions and to guide the "Goals for Living" project during 1965-66.

The two capital expenditures studies will be used in guiding decisions in preparing the General Development Plan and will provide useful facts for the background materials within the "Goals for Living" project. Trends of local, state, and Federal income and spending discussed in these reports will be related to realistic proposals for public community facilities and expenditures included in the General Development Plan. Information from the finance studies relating the individual reader—his taxes and the governmental services he receives—will be stressed in the Goals project.

Both programs will be the responsibility

REGIONAL PLANNING RESOURCES



A typical monthly Council meeting.
The public is invited to attend the
Council's Open Session meetings.

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HEADQUARTERS

The Planning Council staff occupies space within the offices of the National Capitol Planning Commission. The Council meets monthly in the conference room of the Commission. The Commission leases the entire third floor of the First National Bank Building, 1701 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20576.

REGIONAL PLANNING DIRECTORS COMMITTEE

This committee meets at the invitation of the Director of the Planning Council two weeks prior to most Council meetings. It reviews regional planning issues at the staff level. Its members are the chiefs-of-staff of the public agencies involved in planning for regional development listed on the following three pages. It studies upcoming Council agenda items providing study of issues at the local level. This guarantees full presentation of the issues at the Council meetings.

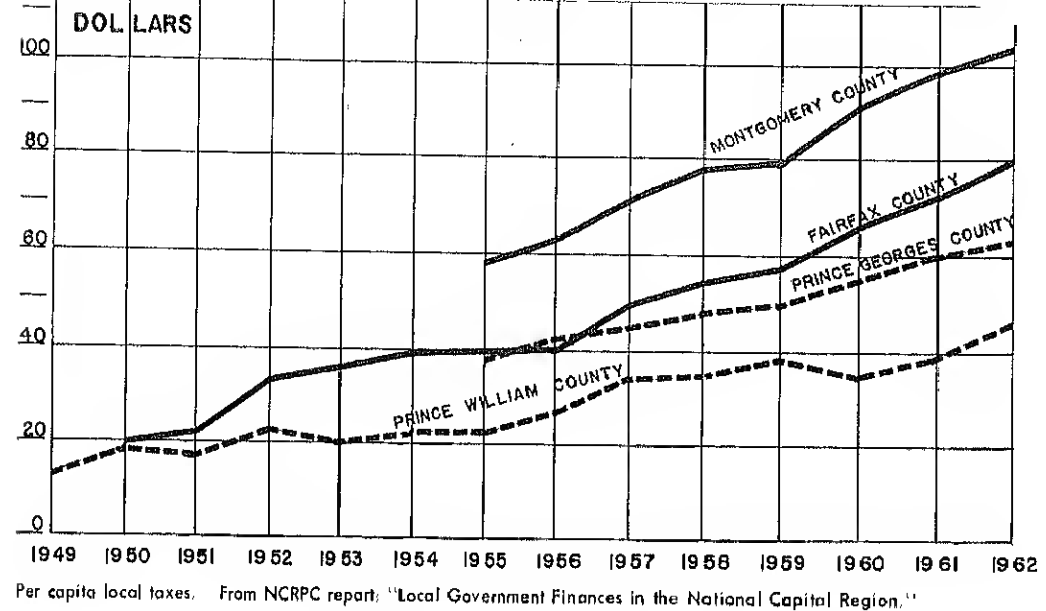


BUDGET

The entire budget of the National Capital Regional Planning Council is provided by the Federal Government as part of the appropriation for the National Capital Planning Commission. Funds provided by the Planning Commission during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1964, totaled \$94,784 as itemized below, amounting to 16 percent of the Commission's total budget during this year.

Salaries and personnel benefits . . .	\$79,263
Employee travel	2,005
Printing and reproduction	3,619
Meeting transcripts	1,498
Office operating costs and furnishings	8,399

Total expenditures, fiscal



PROJECT EXPENDITURES

Staff salaries expended include services to the Region's local governments, publications, research programs, statistical services, and Federal site selection activities.

Salary expenditures are as follows:

Goals Project	\$11,069
Capitol Expenditures Reports	6,504
Joint Open Space Project	9,241
Census Facts by Census Tracts Reports	2,274
Population trends in the 1970's Report	319
Community Centers Report	651
General Development Planning	2,406
Federal Site Selection	2,917
Newsletter, Annual Report, Planning Directory	2,864
Regional Planning Council meetings and activities	3,453
Statistical Services	3,122
Local government meetings	3,044
Administration and Budget	6,674
Training and Conventions	2,407
Miscellaneous and other Secretarial	4,213
Leave	6,873

Proposed satellite city center
recommended in the Council's report:
"Community Center Development."



The WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION, created by interstate compact in 1960, regulates the operations of public transit companies. The Commission has developed agreements for uniform interstate bus and tax fares and operating standards in the Region.

The WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY is sponsored jointly by the Bureau of Public Roads and the Highway Departments of Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. It provides projections of future travel demands and analyses of proposed transportation systems for the Region. Both highway and transit planning agencies in the Region rely on these projections.

The METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS is an informal organization of most of the elected officials of the National Capital Region in the local, State, and Federal Governments (except for Montgomery County, Md., and a number of minor political subdivisions in Maryland). It was created in 1957 to promote voluntary cooperative action in solving metropolitan problems. The elected officials themselves are members of a regional conference, an executive board, and a series of policy committees. Several special advisory boards sponsored by "COG" are composed of staff officials of local governments in the Region having common problems and responsibilities; these include the executive officers, the police chiefs, the fire chiefs, the chiefs of transportation planning agencies, and the officials responsible for water supply and waste disposal.

PRIVATELY SUPPORTED REGIONAL AGENCIES

The WASHINGTON CENTER FOR METROPOLITAN STUDIES is a nonprofit corporation for research and education in urban affairs, chartered in 1959. The 19-man board of trustees includes nationally recognized authorities in urban affairs, as well as local area leaders. The staff works through a series of special advisory boards in basic research, public information, and promotion of higher education oriented to urban problems. The Center has served in an advisory capacity to the Open Space Project for the National Capital Region.

The METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON HEALTH FACILITIES PLANNING COUNCIL was incorporated in 1962 to make use of a Federal demonstration grant for

REGIONAL PLANNING RESOURCES

COOPERATING AGENCIES

FEDERAL

The NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION, a Federal agency, was created in 1924, as the National Capital Park Commission and reorganized in 1926 as the National Capitol Park and Planning Commission and in 1952 as the National Capital Planning Commission. It is the central planning agency for the Federal and District governments in the Region. Eight members of the Commission are ex officio; the remaining five commissioners are appointed by the President of the United States. The Commission has a staff of approximately forty-five people, in addition to the seven employed by the Commission to staff the Regional Planning Council.

The NATIONAL CAPITAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY has prepared and maintains the Transit Development Program for the Region. It is empowered, subject to Congressional approval, to construct and operate facilities built under the Program. The Agency was created by Act of Congress in 1960.

The NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, Department of the Interior, provides and operates national parks, manuments, and historical sites. It assists the States in developing public park and recreational area facilities. The National Capital Region is one of six administrative regions.

The PUBLIC BUILDINGS SERVICE, General Services Administration, constructs and maintains the physical plant of the Federal Government, excluding specialized facilities that are the concern of a single Federal agency—namely military installations. It maintains a 10-year plan for expansion of Federal facilities in the Washington area working with the National Capital

STAFF SERVICES

REGIONAL DATA AND INFORMATION CENTER

The Council staff maintains a central file of current statistics, estimates, and projections. Data on each jurisdiction is maintained, using the latest information available either from the Council staff or from the jurisdictions themselves.

When enough data changes accumulate, the staff periodically publishes revised summaries of this information.

The staff is also available to coordinate use of the large amount of statistical data from the 1948 and 1955 Origin-destination surveys, the 1959 Mass Transportation Survey, and the National Capital Joint Open Space Project.

The staff is the repository for the above complete studies for land use and economic information. The staff keeps abreast of local data programs and the data maintained by most other region-wide agencies.

PUBLICATIONS

The Council maintains current periodicals, newsletters, and a complete file of planning publications about the National Capital Region. The Council library is part of the library of the National Capital Planning Commission, consisting of 9000 publications under supervision of a full-time librarian. The Commission library is being reorganized according to conventional library systems; the Council collections will be listed in the NCPC library union catalog.

The Council collections are available for public use within the Council offices; the Commission library is available basically for staff use only.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Within work-load limitations, the professional staff is available to make presentations at meetings of organizations and groups open to the public within the Region about the operations and activities of the Planning Council.

CENTRAL MAP FILE

A central map file dealing with the Region is maintained by the Council. Many different kinds of reproducible base maps and other reference maps are collected and maintained for the Washington and Baltimore metropolitan areas. Black-line prints are available in small quantity; in special cases, reproducible sepia copies are available for larger users.

A complete reorganization of the map inventory was completed in July of 1964.

STAFF CONFERENCES

The Staff is available to discuss planning matters with individuals representing public agencies or private business interests. As professional planners, the staff devotes limited amounts of time counseling persons interested in becoming professional planners or learning about planning office operations. Last year, for example, the staff counseled the Jefferson County, Alabama (Birmingham, Ala.) Regional Planning Commission in establishing its planning program, and also discussed "local" operations with visiting planners from India, Malagasy Republic, and Europe, as well as several other metropolitan planning agencies throughout the United States.

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National Capital Region, Detailed Base Map	2	26 "
National Capital Region, Generalized Base Map		
Census Tracts		
Regional Planning Districts		

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING ACT

The National Capital Regional Planning Council was established by the National Capital Planning Act, passed by Congress in 1952. This act also defined the responsibilities of the National Capital Planning Commission, amending the original 1924 and 1926 legislation establishing the National Capital Park Commission and the National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Stated here are major parts of the National Capital Planning Act pertaining to the Regional Planning Council.

"ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL"

"Sec. 3. (a) There is hereby established a National Capital Regional Planning Council, hereinafter referred to as the 'Council', to be composed, whenever possible, of representatives of the planning agencies of the region, of demonstrated capacity for leadership in the planning of the region. The Council shall consist of the Chairman of the Commission, ex officio, Engineer Commissioner of the District of Columbia, and not to exceed eight other members who, with their alternates, shall be appointed by the [National Capital Planning] Commission, pursuant to nominations as hereinafter provided. For the Maryland environs, the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission may nominate two of its members one each for the portions of the Maryland-Washington regional district within Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties, respectively, and for the portion of either county without the said Maryland-Washington regional district, the governing bodies of each county may nominate a member of the planning agency for each such portion: Provided, That if any portion of either county is without a planning agency the governing body of such county may nominate a qualified person to represent such portion. For the Virginia environs, the Northern Virginia Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission, after soliciting recommendations from the governing bodies of the cities and counties of the Virginia environs, may nominate 4 persons, each

"PREPARATION OF REGIONAL PLAN"

"(d) The Council is authorized to adopt and, from time to time, amend, or extend, a general plan for the development of the region, to serve as a general framework or guide of development within which each part of the region may be more precisely planned by the appropriate planning agency or agencies. The regional plan shall include a land-use plan which designates the proposed general distribution and general locations and extents of the uses of land for such categories as areas having important influence on the development of the region; and in addition, such other elements of a general plan having over-all influence as are required to provide for the proposed major movements of people and goods throughout the region, for the primary facilities for community development and for the conservation and development of natural resources. As the basis for its plans, the Council shall at all times give consideration to those features of any plan duly adopted by the Commission or any planning agency appropriate for incorporation in the general plan for the region. The Council shall also consider and aim to accommodate the land-use requirements of the Federal and District Governments in the environs. . . ."

"ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES"

"(e) The Council shall collaborate with the Commission and promote collaboration and cooperation between the Commission and the planning agencies of the environs and the Maryland and Virginia State planning agencies. To that end, it may assemble and interchange information, conduct surveys essential to its work, and in general seek to reconcile the plans and proposals of the planning agencies of the region. It may also cooperate with the planning or other public agencies having jurisdiction in the area beyond the boundaries of the region. It may, at its discretion, periodically provide opportunity by public hearings, meetings, or conferences, exhibitions and publication of its plans, for review and comments by non-governmental groups and the general public. The Council shall report annually on the progress of